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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brian R. Murphy et al.

Application No.: 09/083,793

Filed: May 22, 1998

For: PRODUCTION OF ATTENUATED PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINES

FROM CLONED NUCLEOTIDE

SEQUENCES

Examiner: M. Mosher

Art Unit: 1643

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

(CONTINGENT)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This contingent Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a response to the election of species requirement set forth in Office Communication dated April 23, 1999. The response is filed herewith. Entry of this Amendment is authorized only in the event that the Office maintains the species election requirement pursuant to said response and agrees with the proposed definition of species and designations of claims presented therein.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows: